

## A HUD Approved Agency

## THIRD PARTY AUTHORIZATION

Mortgage Lender/Servicer Name	Account/Loan Number
The undersigned Borrower and Co-Borro Servicer and the following third parties.	ower (if any) individually and collectively, "Borrower", or "I"), authorize the above
A-1 Community Housing Services	<u> </u>
Agency Name	Counselor Name
	(510) 674-9227 Phone number
Relationship of other Third Party:	Those number
public and non-public personal informat may include (but is not limited to) the na	rty to obtain, share, release, discuss and otherwise provide to and with each other ion contained in or related to the mortgage loan of the Borrower. This information time, address, telephone number, security number credit score, credit report, income, is mitigation application status, account balances, program eligibility, and payment
	to verify the identity of a Third Party but has no responsibility or liability to verify ervicer also has no responsibility or liability for what a Third Party does with such
Before signing this Third-Party Author	orization, beware of foreclosure rescue scams?
lender/mortgage servicer.  • Please visit www.hud.gov to vo	oved housing counselor, or other authorized third party will work directly with your erify you are working with a HUD-approved housing counseling agency ou to pay a fee in exchange for a counseling service or modification of a delinquent
This Third-Party Authorization is valid v Servicer receives a written revocation sign	when signed by all borrowers and co-borrowers named on the mortgage and until the gned by any borrower or co-borrower.
I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WIT	H THE TERMS OF THIS THIRD-PARTY AUTHORIZATION:
Borrower	Co-Borrower
Printed Name	Printed Name
Signature	Signature
Social Security Number	Social Security Number

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Housing Counseling Agreement**

**Note:** If you have an impairment, disability, language barrier, or otherwise require an alternative means of completing this form or accessing information about housing counseling, please talk to your housing counselor about arranging alternative accommodations.

- I understand that A-1 Community Housing Services provides confidential pre-purchase, post-purchase, rental, and foreclosure prevention housing counseling after which I will receive a written Action Plan consisting of recommendations for handling my finances, possibly including referrals to other housing agencies as appropriate.
- I understand that A-1 Community Housing Services is a HUD approved, non-profit housing
  counseling agency that is in partnership with my lender, servicer or insurer and may require that A1CHS share my information with my servicer to better assist me. I authorize my lender, servicer or
  insurer to share my information with A-1 Community Housing Services. Funding comes from HUD,
  lender partners, and private foundations.
- I may be referred to other housing services of the organization or another agency or agencies as appropriate that may be able to assist with particular concerns that have been identified. I understand that I am not obligated to use any of the services offered to me.
- A counselor may answer questions and provide information about bankruptcy, but not give legal advice. If I want legal advice, I will be referred for appropriate assistance. While an attorney can make a recommendation to file bankruptcy, it is a personal choice based on individual circumstances.
- I understand that in the event I am dissatisfied, I can request a copy of the Complaint Resolution Process, a copy of which is available upon request.
- I understand that A-1 Community Housing Services provides information and education on numerous loan products and housing programs and I further understand that the housing counseling I receive from A-1 Community Housing Services in no way obligates me to choose any of these particular loan products or housing programs.
- I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Privacy Policy.

Client	_ Date
Client	Date

## PROGRAM DISCLOSURE FORM

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About Us and Program Purpose: A-1 Community Housing Services (A-1HCS) is a non-profit, HUD approved comprehensive housing counseling agency. We provide free education workshops and a full spectrum of housing counseling including pre-purchase, foreclosure prevention, non-delinquency post-purchase, rental, and homeless counseling. We serve all clients regardless of income, race color, religion/creed, sex, national origin, age, family status, disability, or sexual orientation/gender identity. We administer our programs in conformity with local, state, and federal anti-discrimination laws, including the federal Fair Housing Act (42 UCS 3600, et seq.) As a housing counseling program participant, please affirm your roles and responsibilities along with the following disclosures and initial, sign and date the form on the following page.

Client and Counselor Roles and Responsibilities:

#### Counselor's Roles and Responsibilities

- Reviewing your housing goal and your finances; which includes your income, debts, assets, and credit history.
- Preparing a Client Action Plan that lists the steps that you and your counselor will take in order to achieve your housing goal.
- Preparing a household budget that will help you manage your debt, expenses, and savings.
- Your counselor is not responsible for achieving your housing goal but will provide guidance and education in support of your goal.
- Neither your counselor nor A-1CHS employees, agents or directors may provide legal advice.

#### Client's Roles and Responsibilities

- Completing the steps assigned to you in your Client Action Plan.
- Providing accurate information about your income, debts, expenses, credit, and employment.
- Attending meetings, returning calls, providing requested paperwork in a timely manner.
- Notifying A-1CHS or your counselor when changing housing goal.
- Attending educational workshop(s) (i.e. pre-purchase counseling workshop) as recommended.
- Retaining an attorney if seeking legal advice and/or representation in matters such as foreclosure or bankruptcy protection.

Termination of Services: Failure to work cooperatively with your housing counselor and/or A-1CHS will result in the discontinuation of counseling services. This includes, but is not limited to, missing three consecutive appointments.

Initials Initials

<u>Agency Conduct:</u> A-1CHS employee, office, director, contractor, volunteer, or agent shall undertake any action that might result in, or create the appearance of, administering counseling operations for personal or private gain, providing preferential treatment for any person or organization, or engage in conduct that will compromise our agency's compliance with federal regulations and our commitment to serving the best interests of our clients.



Agency Relationships: A-1CHS has professional affiliation with HUD, NeighborWorks America, Balance, CalHFA, USDA Rural Development, the State of California, Alameda County, Cit of Hayward and banks including Bank of the West, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, SVB and JP Morgan Chase. As a housing counseling program participant, you are not obligated to use the products and services of A-1CHS or our industry partners.

Alternative Services Programs, and Products & Client Freedom of Choice: A-1CHS has a first-time homebuyer program developed in partnership with Wells Fargo Bank. However, you are not obligated to participate in this or other A-1CHS programs and services while you are receiving housing counseling from our agency. You may consider seeking alternative products and services from entities including the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) for first time homebuyer loan programs, City DAP Programs or CalFHA for other first-time homebuyer programs. You are entitled to choose whatever real estate professionals, lenders, and lending products that best meets your needs.

<u>Referrals and Community Resources:</u> You will be provided a community resource list which outlines the county and regional services available to meet a variety of needs, including utilities assistance, emergency shelter, transitional housing food banks, and legal aid assistance. This list also identifies alterative agencies that provide services, programs, or products identical to those offered by A-1CHS and its exclusive partners and affiliates.

Privacy Policy: I/we acknowledge that I/we received a copy of A-1CHS Privacy Policy.

Errors and Omissions and Disclaimer of Liability: I/we agree A-1CHS, its employees, agents, and directors are not liable for any claims and causes of action arising from errors or omissions by such parties or related to my participation A-1CHS counseling; and I hereby release and waive all claims of action against A-1CHS and its affiliates. I have read this document, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. If any provision of this document is unenforceable, it shall be modified to the extent necessary to make the provision valid and binding, and the remainder of this documents shall remain enforceable to the full extent allowed by law.

Quality Assurance: In order to assess client satisfaction and in compliance with grant funding requirement, A-1CHS, or one of its partners, may contact you during or after the completion of our housing counseling service. You may be requested to complete a survey asking you to evaluate your client experience. Your survey data may be confidentially shared with A-1CHS grantors such as HUD, Balance, CalHFA or NeighborWorks America, County of Alameda, and City of Hayward.

I/we acknowledge that I/we received, reviewed, and agree to A-1CHS Program Disclosures.

Client Signature	Client Signature
Date	Date
Counselor Signature	Date



# **Privacy Policy**

Note: If you have an impairment, disability, language barrier, or otherwise require an alternative means of completing this form or accessing information about housing counseling, please talk to your housing counselor about arranging alternative accommodations.

A-1 Community Housing Services (A-1CHS) is committed to assuring the privacy of individuals and/or families who have contacted us for assistance. We realize that the concerns you bring to us are highly personal in nature. We assure you that all personal information shared orally and/or in writing will be managed within ethical and legal considerations. Additionally, we want you to understand how we use the personal information we collect about you. Please carefully review this notice as it described our policy regarding the collection and disclosure of your non-profit, personal information.

#### What is non-profit, personal information?

- Information that identifies an individual personally and is not otherwise publicly available information, such as your Social Security Number or demographic data such as your race and ethnicity
- Includes personal financial information such as credit history, income, employment history, financial assets, bank account information and financial debts

#### What personal information does A-1CHA collect about you?

We collect personal information about you from the following sources:

- Information that you provide on applications, forms, email, or verbally
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others
- Information we receive from your creditors or employment references
- Credit Report

### What categories of information doe we disclose and to whom?

We may disclose the following personal information to financial service providers (such as companies providing home mortgages), Federal, State, and non-profit partners for program review, monitoring, auditing, research, and/or oversight purposes, and/or any other pre-authorized individual and/or organization. The types of information we disclose are as follows:

- Information you provide on application/forms or other forms of communication. This information may include your name, address, Social Security Number, employer, occupation, account number, assets, expenses, and income.
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others; such as your account balance, monthly payment history, and method of payment.
- Information we received from consumer credit reporting agency, such as your credit bureau reports, your credit and payment history, your credit scores, and/or your creditworthiness.
- We do not sell or rent your personal information to any outside entity.
- We may share anonymous, aggregated case file information; but this information may not be disclosed
  in a manner that would personally identify you in any way. This is done in order to evaluate our
  program, gather valuable research information, and/or design future programs.
- We may also disclose personal information about you to third parties as permitted bylaw.



#### How is your personal information secured?

We restrict access to your non-public personal information to A-1CHS employees who need to know that information in order to perform their housing counseling duties. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulation to guard your non-public personal information; and we train our staff to safeguard client information and prevent unauthorized access, disclosure, or use.

#### **Opting Out of Certain Disclosures**

You may direct A-1CHS to not disclose your non-public personal information to their parties (other than disclosures made to project partners and those permitted by law). However, if you choose to opt out, we will not be able answer any questions from your creditors, which may limit A-1CHS ability to provide services such as foreclosure prevention counseling. If you choose to opt-out, please sign below under the "Opt-Out" clause. If you choose to release your information a stipulated in this Privacy Policy, sign under the "Release" clause. You may change your decision any time by contacting our agency.

OPT-OUT: I REQUEST THAT A-1CHS make no disclosures of my non-public personal information to third parties other than project partners and those permitted by law. By choosing this option, I understand that A-1CHS will not be able to answer any questions from my creditors. I understand that I may change my decision my time by contacting A-1CHS.

Print Name	Signature	Date
Print Name	Signature	 Date
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Print Name	Signature	 Date

### **CREDIT REPORT AUTHORIZATION**

Note: If you have an impairment, disability, language barrier, or otherwise require an alternative means of completing this form or accessing information about housing counseling, please talk to your housing counselor about arranging alternative accommodations. \_\_\_\_ hereby authorize and instruct **A-1** Community Housing Services (hereinafter "A-1CHS") to obtain and review my credit report. My credit report will be obtained from a credit reporting agency chosen by A-1CHS. I understand and agree that A-1CHS intends to use the credit report for the purpose of evaluating my financial readiness to purchase a home and/or to engage in rental counseling, home preservation or postpurchase counseling activities. My signature below also authorizes the release to credit reporting agencies information that I have supplied to A-1CHS in connection with such evaluation. Authorization is further granted to the credit reporting agency to use this form to obtain any information the credit reporting agency deems necessary to complete my credit report. Authorize Do not authorize I agree to provide A-1 Community Housing Services a copy of my credit report dated within **30 days** of the intake date. Free credit reports can be downloaded from www.annualcreditreport.com In addition, in connection with determining my ability to obtain a loan, I Authorize Do not authorize A-1CHS to share with potential mortgage lenders my credit report and any information that I have provided, including any computations and assessments that have been produced based upon such information. These lenders may contact me to discuss loans for which I may be eligible. \_\_\_\_\_ Client's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number Client's Signature Counselor Name **Credit Report Date**